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NEW DELHI FOR VITTORIO BROD (NEA LABOR CONFERENCE)

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TAGS: OTRA (BROWN, IRVING AND O'FARRELL, PAT) ELAB EG US

SUBJ: AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS O'FARRELL AND BROWN VISIT TO EGYPT

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- 1. NOTHWITHSTANDING AFL/CIO REP'S ASSURANCES CITED REF A THAT BROWN HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE EGYPTIAN LABOR CONTACTS TO EXPLAIN REASON FOR LAST MINUTE POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT, EGYPTIANS CLEARLY DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT. THUS, EMBOFF RECEIVED CALL AFTERNOON MARCH 28 FRO EGYPTIAN UNION LEADER TO SAY THAT EGYPTIAN LABOR DELEGATION WENT TO AIRPORT TO MEET O'FARRELL. WHEN HE DID NOT APPEAR, EMBASSY WAS CALLED TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
- 2. TELEGRAM FROM BROWN WAS RECEIVED MORNING MARCH 29, BUT AT SAME TIME WE RECEIVED CALL FROM OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION CONCERNING TODAY'S PROGRAM. HE WAS SURPRIS ED
- TO LEARN VISITORS HAD NOT ARRIVED.
- 3. AS REPORTED REF B, O'FARRELL:BROWN NON-SHOR HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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UNHELPFUL IN TERMS OF OUR EFFORTS DEVELOP SOME UNDERSTANDING BEWTEEN EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN LABOR. WE ARE AWARE OF AFL/CIO DOUBTS ABOUT AND, WHILE DISAGREE WITH THIS VIEW, WE RESPECT AFL/CIO POSITION. WE HAVE DELIBERATELY NOT URGED AFL/CIO CONTACTS WITH EGYPTIAN LABOR BECUASE OF KNOWN POSITION OF FORMER. WE MAY BE ABLE TO SALVAGE SOME OF DAMAGE BY EXPLAINING REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE

HELPFUL IF DEPT COULD ASCERTAIN FURTHER INFO.

4. MOUKHTAR ABDEL HAMID, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL TRADE UNION OF AGRICULTURE WORKERS AND ALY MAHMOUD DOFDAA, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL TRADE UNION OF TEXTILE WORKERS CALLED AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON MARCH 29. WHILE THEY REGRETTED CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM SET UP FOR O'FARRELL AND BROWN, THEY STATE THEY STILL INTEND TO PROCEED WITH 30-DAY VISIT TO US ON IV GRANT BEGINNING APRIL 12. EILTS

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